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# UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

# NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

### San Francisco Division

DAVID KHAN, et al.,

Plaintiffs,

v.

JUSTIN ROGERS, et al.,

Defendants.

Case No. 17-cv-05548-RS (LB)

### ORDER DENYING DEMAND FOR **CHANGE OF JUDGE**

Re: ECF No. 86

Plaintiffs David Khan and Nay Zar Tun Kyaw have filed a demand for change of judge, 1 which arguably can be construed as a motion for the undersigned to be recused or disqualified from this case.

"Any justice, judge, or magistrate judge of the United States shall disqualify himself [or herself] in any proceeding in which his impartiality might reasonably be questioned." 28 U.S.C. § 455(a). "He [or she] shall also disqualify himself [or herself] . . . [w]here he [or she] has a personal bias or prejudice concerning a party, or personal knowledge of disputed evidentiary facts concerning the proceeding[.]" 28 U.S.C. § 455(b)(1). "The test for disqualification is an objective one: 'whether a reasonable person with knowledge of all the facts would conclude that the judge's

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Pls. Demand for Change of Judge – ECF No. 86. Citations refer to material in the Electronic Case File ("ECF"); pinpoint citations are to the ECF-generated page numbers at the top of documents.

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impartiality might reasonably be questioned." $Quinn\ v.\ Centerplate,\ No.\ 14-cv-01254\ NC,\ 2014$
WL 2860666, at *3 (N.D. Cal. June 23, 2014) (quoting <i>United States v. Nelson</i> , 718 F.2d 315, 32
(9th Cir. 1983)).

The plaintiffs' demand does not establish that the undersigned has a personal bias or prejudice that satisfies the reasonable-person standard. Accordingly, the plaintiffs' demand that the undersigned be recused or disqualified and the plaintiffs receive a "change of judge" is denied.

# IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: September 28, 2018

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LAUREL BEELER United States Magistrate Judge